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To: Interested Parties

In September 2003, the Governors of Washington, Oregon and California committed to a regional greenhouse gas reduction initiative. The Governors concluded that global warming will have serious adverse consequences on the economy, health and environment of the west coast states and that the states must act individually and regionally to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to achieve a variety of economic benefits from lower dependence on fossil fuels. As an initial step, the Governors directed their staffs to develop joint policy recommendations on reduction strategies that require regional cooperation and action.

Since that time, representatives from the three states have met on numerous occasions to develop regional emission reduction strategies and to coordinate climate protection measures by each state. Multi-state workgroups were formed to address the following topics:

- **Hybrid Vehicle Procurement:** Use the states' combined purchasing power to obtain fuel-efficient vehicles and low-rolling resistance tires for motor pool fleets.
- **Ports & Highway Diesel Emissions:** Reduce emissions from diesel fuel in transportation through reductions in the use of diesel generators in ships at west coast ports, and in the use of diesel engines in trucks by creating a system of emission-free truck stops along the Interstate 5 corridor that stretches from Mexico to Canada.
- **Renewable Energy:** Remove barriers to and encourage the development of renewable electricity generation resources and technologies.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Improve efficiency standards with the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Specifically, the states could work together to upgrade appliance efficiency standards and seek waivers of federal limitations where necessary.
- **Measurement:** Develop consistent and coordinated greenhouse gas emission inventories, protocols for standard reporting, and accounting methods for greenhouse gas emissions; and collaborate on improved scientific tools to more precisely measure the impact of climate change.

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The working groups have developed draft reports in each of these areas. These reports are attached for your review and comment. You are welcome to make recommendations on specific actions the states should take on any or all of the topics covered. **We are seeking your response by May 14, 2004.** A sixth working group on hydrogen vehicle fueling was created later than the other working groups. Its report will be circulated for comment later.

The three states have asked the Energy Foundation to coordinate receipt and distribution of comments on the working group papers. The Energy Foundation will distribute your comments to the work group leads in your state. Please direct your comments and suggestions by mail or email to:

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Based on the feedback we receive, the reports will be refined as part of a package of recommendations on climate change to be delivered to the Governors in September 2004. The multi-state effort on these topics is part of a broader regional effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The states are considering additional individual and regional measures and we invite your suggestions on priority areas for action.

Sincerely,

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